

HISTORIC

DESIGNATION

APPLICATION

FORM

City of Gaithersburg, Maryland

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Historic Designation
Application No. - HD 5

Filed March 25, 1983

Sign Posted September 9, 1983

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P.C. Referral Date September 14, 1983

HDC Public Hearing September 26, 1983

HDC Decision/Date Withdrawn - December 12, 1983

Resolution No. _____

EXHIBIT
#1
HD-5
9/26/83

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE BY:

The City of Gaithersburg

FOR DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AS A:

☒ HISTORIC SITE

☐ HISTORIC RESOURCE

☐ HISTORIC DISTRICT

1

NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic

Bowman Mill

And/Or Common

2

LOCATION

Address

317 E. Diamond Avenue

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPERTY(IES)
PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION:

DISTRICT	SUBDIVISION	NAME CODE	LOT/BLOCK	ACRES/FEET	SUBDIVISION TRACT NAME
9			Parcel 33 Tax Map FT-361	32,175 sq. ft.	
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CLASSIFICATION
(Circle one in each column)

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OWNERSHIPSTATUSPRESENT USE

Public

☒ Occupied

Agriculture

Military

☒ Commercial☒ Private

Unoccupied

Educational

Park

Government

Both

Work in progress

Entertainment

Industrial

Transportation

Public Acquisition
in Process

Assessible

Residence

Museum

Scientific

☒ Yes: Restricted

Other: _____

Being Considered

Yes: Unrestricted

No

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OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

Street & Number _____

City, Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

5

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.

Liber #:

Folio #:

Montgomery County Courthouse

Street & Number _____

Rockville, Maryland 20850

City, Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

6

IS PROPERTY CURRENTLY ON NATIONAL OR STATE REGISTER? If so, complete. No

Title _____

Date _____

Federal _____

State _____

County _____

Local _____

Depository for
Survey Records _____

City, Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

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DESCRIPTIONPhysical Condition (circle one)

Excellent

Fair

Ruins

Unaltered

☒ Original Site☒ Good

Deteriorated

☒ Altered

Moved

Describe the present and original (if known) exterior physical appearance.

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The main building is a three-story rectangular structure of concrete block with a gabled standing seam tin roof. There are exposed rafters in the eaves with verges projecting. The window and door surrounds are brick with a wide brick arch above. There are large dormers on the left and right front facade covered in standing seam tin. The right bay dormer is two stories with access at its mid-point to a catwalk. The standing seam tin catwalk extends out approximately 25 feet from the building to a grouping of four silos. The catwalk appears to be of frame construction and may have been covered with tin at a later date.

The silos are each approximately 14 feet in diameter and each rests on a twelve-sided cement base. They are presently covered in concrete.

There are two extensions to the main buildings. The right addition is one story with a second story false front with a standing seam tin shed roof projecting from it. There is a double door wooden loading bay with the same brick surrounds as the main building.

The left addition is a two-story structure with a one-story ell projecting forward. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the windows and loading bays do not have the same brick surrounds as the main structure. The one-story ell has a low corbel capped chimney on the left front flat roof.

A standing seam tin canopy separates first and second floor level on the main building and left addition.

SIGNIFICANCE

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Areas of Significance - check and justify below

Period

Prehistoric	Archeology-prehistoric	Community Planning	Landscape	Religion
1400-1499	Archeology-historic	Conservation	Architecture	Science
1500-1599	Agriculture	Economics	Law	Sculpture
1600-1699	Architecture	Education	Literature	Social/Humanitarian
1700-1799	Art	Engineering	Military	Theater
1800-1899	Commerce	Exploration/ Settlement	Music	Transportation
1900-	Communications	Industry	Philosophy	Other (specify)
			Politics/ Government	

Specific Dates

194_

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance

The Bowman Mill is a significant visual landmark in the City of Gaithersburg and was an important early 20th century link between Gaithersburg's agricultural community and the railroad.

The mill itself operated until the 1960's, but the original building was lost to fire in the early 1940's and rebuilt shortly thereafter. The present building is typical of such milling operations with its tall grain silos and overhead catwalk.

The entire complex as a whole represents an established and familiar visual feature of the City and, while its components lack individual distinction, it represents a significant and distinguishable entity.

(Sec. 24-225, 2(d)(e))

9 SURROUNDING LAND USES

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North Residential — Apartments

East Commercial

South Railroad Tracks

West Commercial

10 INFORMATION SOURCES

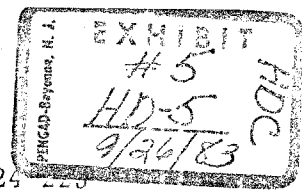
County Land Records

11 ATTACHMENTS

Exterior Black and White Views

Two (2) Location Maps - scale 1" = 200'

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§ 24-225

Gaithersburg City Code

§ 24-225

Historic district. A historic resource or group thereof which contributes to the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural values within the city and which has been so designated by the historic district commission.

Historic district commission, commission. The mayor and city council acting in the capacity of such commission and whose members shall serve terms coextensive with their term of office.

Historic resource. A site or group of sites, buildings, structures or objects, including appurtenances and environmental setting, which is significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology or culture.

Historic site. Any individual historic resource that is significant and contributes to the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural values within the city and which has been so designated by resolution of the historic district commission.

Permit. A historic area work permit issued by the historic district commission authorizing work on a designated historic site or a historic resource located within the city.

Planning commission. The planning commission for the city. (Ord. No. 0-12-81.)

Sec. 24-225. Designation of historic districts and historic sites; criteria.

(a) The historic district commission on its own motion or by petition of a property owner of record or the planning commission may, after prescribed notice and public hearing, designate by resolution historic districts, historic resources and historic sites in the city, which shall thereafter be subject to the provisions of this article and any rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.

(b) Notice of the public hearing shall be by posting of an appropriate sign on the proposed site and publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least once, not less than fifteen days prior to the hearing.

(c) In considering historic resources for designation as historic districts and historic sites, the historic district commission shall apply the following criteria:

(1) Historical and cultural significance. The historic resource:

a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, county, state or nation;

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- b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- c. Is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society; or
- d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the city and its communities.

(2) Architectural and design significance. The historic resource:

- a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
- b. Represents the work of a master;
- c. Possesses high artistic values;
- * d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- * e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or city due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape; or
- f. Embodies design, setting, materials, workmanship and ambience to the city's sense of time, place and historic development.

(d) Prior to the conduct of a public hearing on the designation of a historic district or historic site and the issuance of a historic area work permit, the planning commission and the city planning department shall investigate, research and submit findings and recommendations to the historic district commission on each request. (Ord. No. 0-12-81.)

Sec. 24-226. Historic preservation advisory committee.

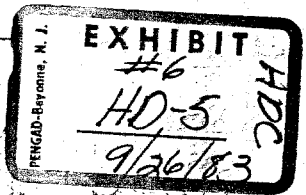
The mayor and council of the city are authorized to create by resolution a historic preservation advisory committee consisting of five members appointed for three-year terms with the initial appointments staggered, so that no more than any two of the appointments shall expire each year. The committee shall have powers, duties and responsibilities as may hereafter be designated by resolution of the mayor and council. (Ord. No. 0-12-81.)

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MAYOR
BRUCE A. GOLDENSOHN

COUNCIL MEMBERS
W. EDWARD BOHRER, JR.
SIDNEY A. KATZ
GERTRUDE M. KILDEE
JULIUS J. PERSENSKY
MARY B. WARD

CITY MANAGER
SANFORD W. DAILY



CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

31 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE TELEPHONE: 948-3220
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20877

March 25, 1983

Ms. Sally Riskin
6904 Loch Lomond Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Ms. Riskin:

As you know, the City of Gaithersburg is considering inclusion of your property at 317 E. Diamond Avenue under the provisions of the City's Preservation of Historic Resources Ordinance.

Your property has been chosen as one of the first five (5) to be considered for local designation because of its obvious importance, both historically and architecturally, to the heritage of our City.

I have enclosed a copy of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. As you will note, the Ordinance only addresses the exterior of your building and is not restrictive in terms of paint color or ordinary maintenance. The Ordinance was designed to bestow honor and importance upon a building rather than to cause hardship of any type.

The procedure for designation is a simple one. A legal advertisement announcing the public hearing will appear in a local newspaper 15 days in advance of the hearing. The property will also be posted with hearing information. At the public hearing, the Mayor and City Council, sitting as the Historic District Commission, will hear testimony concerning the historic importance of your property by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. This will also be an opportunity for the property owner and interested parties to testify. After consideration of the public record the Historic District Commission will then make a decision on each application.

If you have any questions concerning the procedure or the Ordinance, please feel free to contact me at 948-3220.

We are proud to have your property as part of our City, and look forward to its inclusion as a local historic site.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Michael PW

Linda Michael
Planning Analyst

LM/pw

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TELEPHONE (301) 340-9700
CABLE ADDRESS: LAWROCK

September 15, 1983

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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

HAND DELIVERED

Hon. Bruce Goldensohn, Mayor
and
Members of the City Council
City of Gaithersburg
31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20877

Re: Designation of Bowmans Mill,
317 East Diamond Avenue,
Gaithersburg, Maryland, As An
Historic Site

Dear Mayor Goldensohn and Members of the Council:

Please be advised that the undersigned represents Helen D. Bowman. In that regard, Mrs. Bowman has directed to my attention a resolution proposing to designate the above-referenced property as an historic site.

As the present holder of a mortgage on the property, Mrs. Bowman is a real party in interest with respect to these proceedings. As such, Mrs. Bowman is understandably concerned with the impact and appropriateness of designating this property as an historic site under the provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinance. Since this matter has only recently come to Mrs. Bowman's attention, and since we have been advised that the property is being actively marketed for sale, we would respectfully request that the record on this matter be held open for forty-five (45) days subsequent to the public hearing on September 26, 1983. This extension will not only enable us to properly evaluate the proposed designation of the property as an historic site, but would also afford prospective purchasers of the property additional time to conclude their contract negotiations, as well as their review of this proposal.

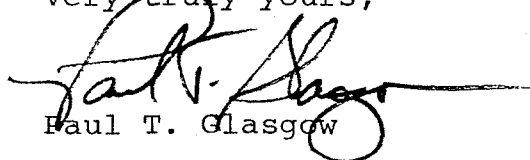
Mrs. Bowman will be present at your hearing on this matter on September 26, 1983, to reaffirm the request contained in this letter. In addition, we would also request that this letter be made part of the record of these proceedings.

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Your favorable consideration of our request to keep the record open for an additional forty-five (45) days beyond September 26, 1983, is greatly appreciated.

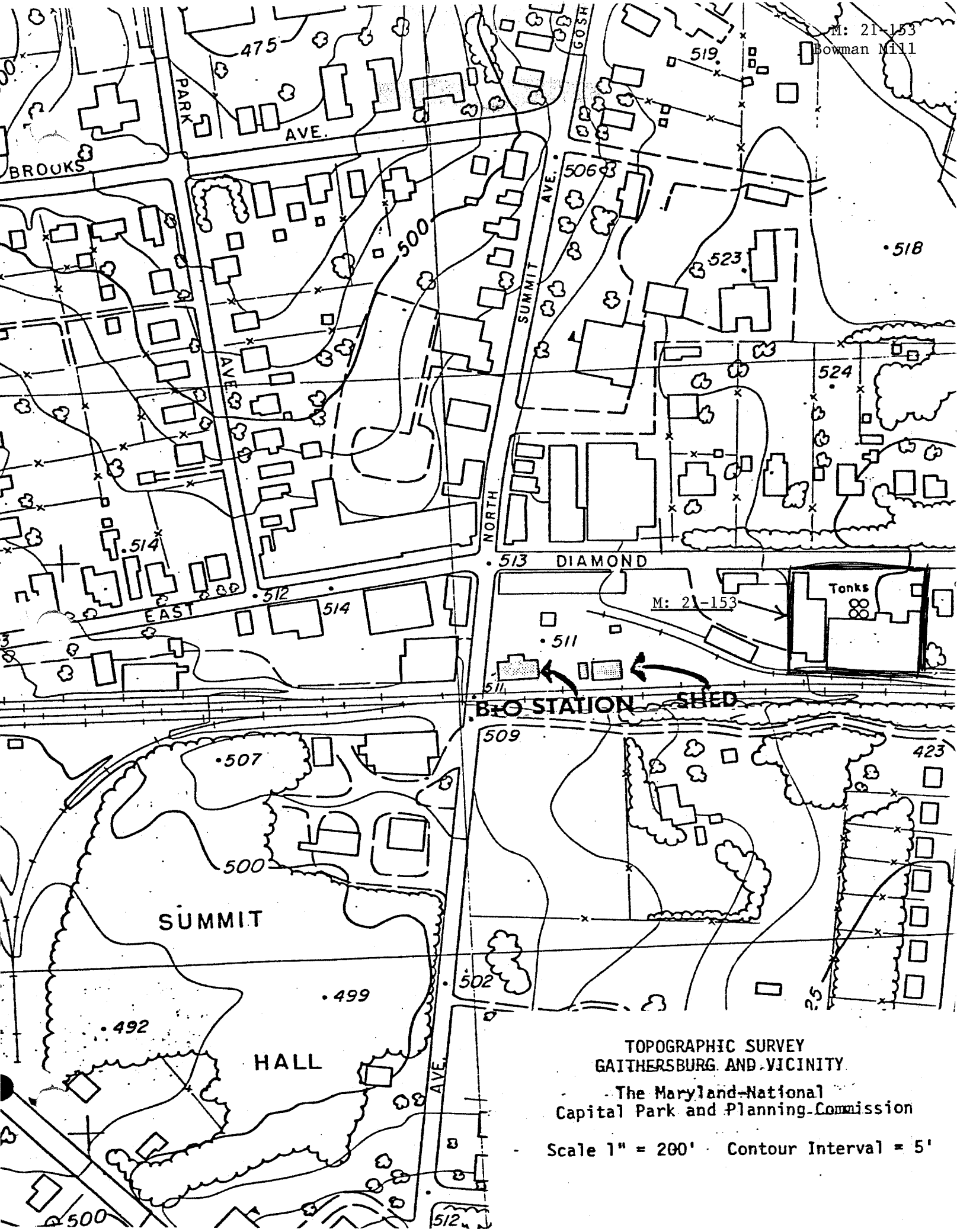
Very truly yours,



Paul T. Glasgow

PTG/h

cc: Mrs. Helen D. Bowman
Gaithersburg Granary, Inc.
Dunhill Associates



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TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY
GAITHERSBURG AND VICINITY
The Maryland-National
Capital Park and Planning Commission
Scale 1" = 200' Contour Interval = 5'

GAITHERSBURG

Note: the sites shown on this map either do not have MHT #s or were inventoried after those placed on the other maps.

Summers House
309 N. Frederick Ave.
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Beall House
307 N. Frederick Ave.
M-21-167
Fraley House
303 N. Frederick Ave.
M-21-155
Reed House
301 N. Frederick Ave.
M-21-154

Thomas & Company Cannery
14 Chestnut Street
M-21-168

Gaithersburg B&O Railroad Station
5 S. Summit Ave.
M-21-151

Bowman Mill
317 E. Diamond Ave.
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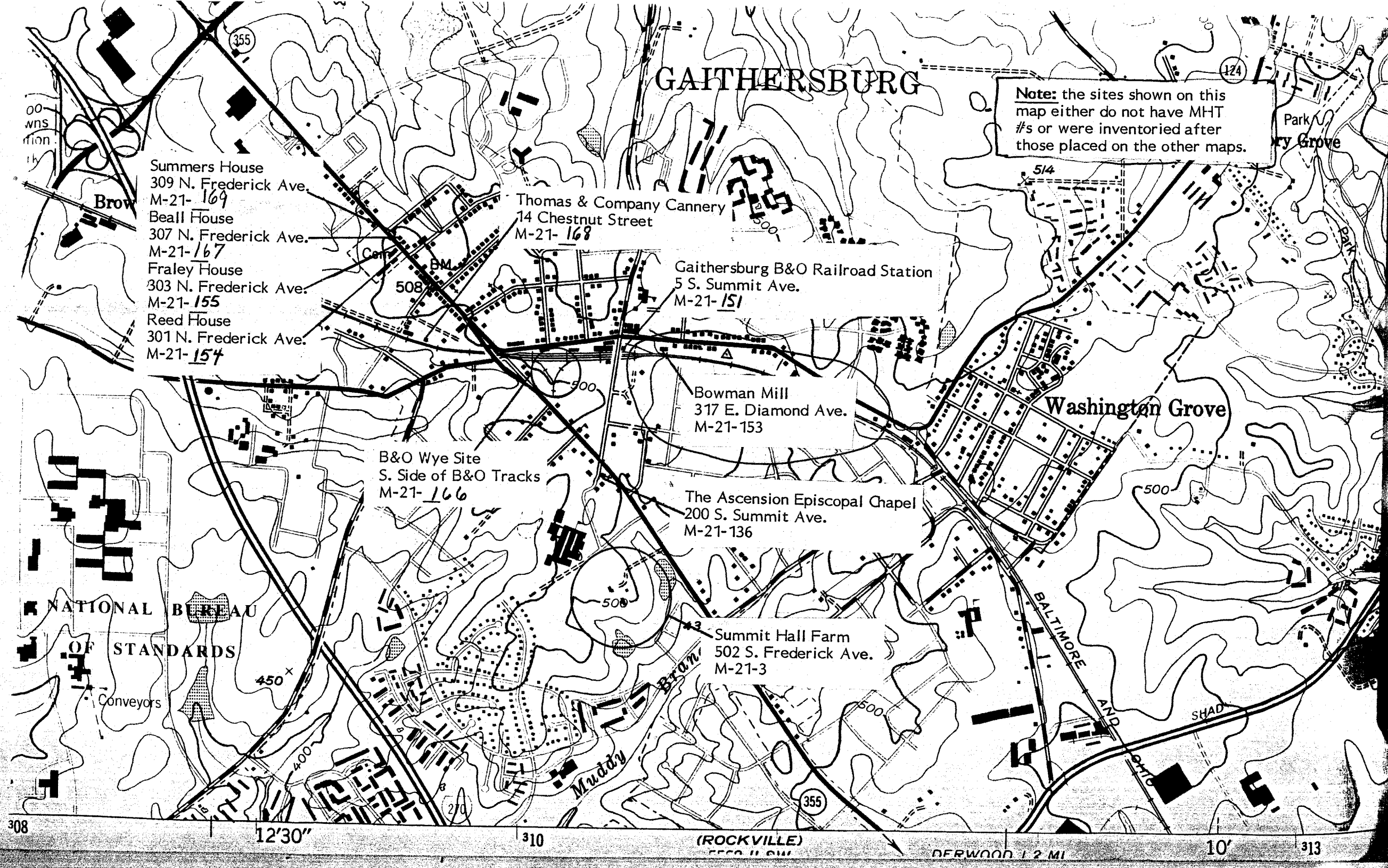
B&O Wye Site
S. Side of B&O Tracks
M-21-166

The Ascension Episcopal Chapel
200 S. Summit Ave.
M-21-136

Summit Hall Farm
502 S. Frederick Ave.
M-21-3

Washington Grove

NATIONAL BUREAU
OF STANDARDS



308

12'30"

310

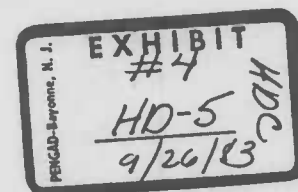
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DERWOOD 1.2 MI

10'

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